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## J. J. RYAN'S WILL MAKES ACTRESS HIS HEIR

### 'PROFITEERING' IN CONGRESS, THROUGH CLERK HIRE GRAFT, REACHES NATIONAL SCANDAL

Practice of Nepotism by Representatives Was Exposed by Evening World.

GET BONUS BY A TRICK.

New York Members Particularly Active in New Form of Cheap Graft.

From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—In a series of articles some months ago The Evening World gave certain facts concerning profiteering among members of Congress. Among other things, attention was called to the practice which has grown up of many members of the House "pocketing" a large part of the money appropriated for clerk hire. At that time, the widespread nature of this practice of "knocking down" the taxpayers' money was commented on, but owing to the refusal of the Clerk of the House to permit the records to be examined it was impossible to give names without danger of doing some members an injustice. The annual report of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, just off the press, shows, as is required by law, the names of all House employees, and the documentary evidence amply justifies the charge made by The Evening World of the extent of the custom.

While Congress virtuously refuses to vote itself an increase of pay, it will be seen from the long list of members who carry their wives, daughters, sons, nieces and nephews (in some instances minors) on their office payrolls or as employees of committees of which the member is chairman, that the increased compensation has been indirectly voted and the members are in many instances getting the money, so far as the House is concerned. All the Senate positions are statutory, and investigation does not reveal the existence of the practice among members of the upper branch.

Most of these wives, daughters, sons, nieces, nephews and other kin carried on the payrolls as office help only make their appearance at the Capitol on pay days. In many instances they do not even show up when the ghost walks, the checks being called for by the Representative in person or mailed to the home address of the relative holding the account.

For a long time, prior to 1919, an effort was made by employees of the House members to have their names placed on the rolls, so as to make the job statutory, and break up the custom of the Congressman pocketing the lump sum allotted to each for clerk hire and paying out only small parts of it for this purpose. The criticism became so annoying that the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1919, carried a provision that

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### HIGH HEEL LAW PROPOSED; CRIME UNDER THE BILL

Boston Osteopaths Submit Measure With Prison Penalty for Third Offense.

BOSTON, Jan. 18.—A NEW crime was proposed by the Massachusetts Osteopathic Society to-day when it came out flatfootedly against high heels. The society submitted a bill to the State Legislature providing penalties for any man or woman who after 1925 teeters along on heels of higher altitude than one and one-half inches. The proposed law provides penalties proposed as follows: First offense, \$50 fine. Second offense, \$500 to \$1,000, or thirty days to one year, or both.

### FOUR ARE KILLED, SEVEN ARE HURT IN GALWAY FIGHT

Black and Tan Patrol Ambushed Near City—Those Slain Are Civilians.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Four civilians were killed and seven Black and Tan auxiliary policemen were wounded in a fight in County Galway, Ireland, according to reports received here to-day. The fight ensued when a Black and Tan patrolman was ambushed near the city of Galway. BELFAST, Jan. 18.—A member of the constabulary was shot dead yesterday at Cappaghwhite, County Tipperary. The murdered man was Constable Boyd. The shooting occurred in a saloon. His assailants escaped. David Kent, Sinn Féin member of the House of Commons for the East Division of Cork, was arrested yesterday. He makes the seventeenth Sinn Féin member of the British Parliament now in jail.

Six members of the Irish Republican Parliament are now in the United States, two are on the Continent and two have died, while one, Diarmid Lynch, has resigned.

Arthur Griffith to Be Court-Martialed. DUBLIN, Jan. 18.—Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Féin organization, who was arrested in his home on the morning of Nov. 26, will be court-martialed if the present plans of the authorities are carried out. The date of the court-martial, however, has not yet been set.

D'ANNUNZIO LEAVING FIUME.

Gets Passport for Switzerland, Greece, Spain and France. TRIESTE, Jan. 17.—Giuseppe D'Annunzio, former insurgent leader in Fiume, will leave that city this week, having obtained a passport valid for Switzerland, Greece, Spain and France. Five hundred of his legionaries still remain in Fiume.

The blockade of Fiume has been completely raised in conformity with the orders of Gen. Cavaglia, commander of the regular Italian forces along the Adriatic.

Girl of Six Killed by Auto. Bina Geraghty, six years old, of No. 214 Grand Avenue, Brooklyn, while on her way home from school at noon to-day was run down and instantly killed at Wiloughby Street and Thorne Place by an automobile driven by Peter Lenart, of No. 554 51st Street and owned by M. Radin & Co., Wallabout Market. Lenart was detained by the police pending an investigation.

### HEATLESS SUBWAY CARS ON COLDEST DAY OF WINTER

Health Rules Ignored as Passengers and Motormen Shiver in Early Morning.

GALE HAS SUBSIDED.

Temperature Rises Slowly as Low Mark at 5 Above Is Recorded at 9 A. M.

Although this was the coldest day of the winter in New York, with the temperature at 9 A. M. at 3 degrees above zero, there was no heat in the subway during the early morning hours. The cars were like ice houses despite the fact that the guards kept all the windows closed. Motormen in many cases came out of their boxes at various places and stamped their feet and rubbed their hands to keep warm. Guards at the Van Cortlandt Park terminal said an order for no heat had been posted at the starter's office and that as a dozen or more employees had been fined last week for turning on heat without orders, they were taking no chances by turning it on this morning.

Health Commissioner Copeland when he read of these conditions in The Evening World, took the matter up in a letter to Frank Hodge, President of the Interborough, Dr. Copeland declared that under a working agreement between the Health Department and the Public Service Commission the traction companies were obliged to maintain an average temperature of 50 degrees in the cars. Dr. Copeland declared there had been many complaints recently of lack of heat in the subway cars and of excessive ventilation. He asserted that men were checking up conditions to-day and that the Health Department would not tolerate a situation in the subways that menaced the health of the public.

James M. Walker, Secretary of the Public Service Commission, declared the transit companies were under orders to maintain a heat of from forty to sixty-five degrees in the cars, and that inspectors were out to-day to watch for violations. The temperature at 3 o'clock this afternoon was 12 degrees above zero, after touching 5 degrees at 9 o'clock. The suffering was less intense than yesterday, however, because of the subsiding gale. The wind velocity at 3 o'clock this morning was 36 miles an hour, compared with a maximum of 84 miles, reached yesterday. The coldest previous day of the winter was Dec. 25, when the temperature reached 13 degrees.

The following hourly temperatures

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### COSTS COUNTRY A BILLION TO BE "DRY" ONE YEAR

National Government Is Out Nearly \$300,000,000 and States the Rest.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—TREASURY officials estimate that the first year of Prohibition has cost the Government, National and State combined, more than \$1,000,000,000. This includes loss in saloon licenses and special taxes.

Directly, the National Government has been set back \$280,000,000 in loss of revenue and the cost of "enforcing" the Volstead law, according to official figures. Enforcement cost \$6,400,000, but with the present organization it will rise to \$7,200,000 the ensuing year. Penalties for violation of the law have approximated \$2,000,000.

Poultry Show All This Week. Madison Square Garden, 9 A. M. to 10 P. M.

### Bride Cleans Up \$100,000 At Monte Carlo; Hubby \$12,000 on Imperator



MRS. HARRY SCHWARTZ

### Mrs. Betty Schwartz, Wed Just Six Weeks, Comes Back From Abroad With Fortune

Mrs. Betty Schwartz, six weeks a bride returned to-day from her honeymoon to Europe \$100,000 richer from a visit to Monte Carlo, while her husband, H. H. Schwartz, of No. 880 Broadway, was \$12,000 to the good as the result of a crap game Sunday night aboard the Imperator, which docked at noon, nearly two days late, after making the roughest voyage of its career.

Mrs. Schwartz, who was Miss Betty Sadowsky, is pretty and twenty. She believed her age was lucky, so she played twenty on the roulette wheels of Monte Carlo. And she won. Time after time, without losing once, until she had amassed \$100,000 of winnings. Mr. Schwartz was his own five professional gamblers who had found the trip lucrative from the use of a pair of "magic" dice. The members' never-failing bonus, however, were "lost" Sunday evening and Mrs. Schwartz decided that a man with a good throwing arm has a fair chance. The \$12,000 was the result.

Officers of the Imperator said the trip was the worst they have ever seen and that, despite her size, being the largest passenger ship afloat, she was badly tossed in the storm, seas washing her decks and inundating her cabins, forcing passengers to dryer quarters.

Mrs. James de Rothschild, who is here, he said, on Zionist affairs was a passenger with Mrs. de Rothschild. He is a son of Baron de Rothschild of Paris.

Solomon R. Guggenheim, who was over to attend the marriage of his daughter, Eleanor, to Lord Arthur Stuart, also returned.

Harding Goes Shopping in Cleveland. CLEVELAND, Jan. 13.—President-elect Harding was here to-day shopping preparatory to a trip to Florida.

### RYAN'S SON MAKES ACTRESS HIS HEIR; LEAVES WIFE \$100

Miss Dorothy Lucille Whiteford Named Principal Beneficiary in Will.

TO GET ABOUT \$60,000.

Provision Made for His Support of Wife and Children in Separation Agreement.

The major part of the estate of the late Joseph J. Ryan, son of Thomas Fortune Ryan, whose will was filed with the Surrogate to-day, is left to Miss Dorothy Lucille Whiteford of No. 172 West 79th Street, whose relationship, if any, to Mr. Ryan is not disclosed in the will. The document provides her with a bequest of \$10,000 and all the residue of his estate, save for a few bequests to relatives and friends.

Mr. Ryan left only \$100 to his widow, Nannie Morse Ryan. This small bequest he explained in the will by saying he made it "as ample provision has been made for her support and the support of our children during her lifetime by a separation agreement entered into between us dated 6th May, 1915."

Miss Whiteford, who lives with her parents and five sisters at the address given above, is at present at Rockledge, Fla., whither she went on Jan. 3. Her father is John H. Whiteford, a manufacturer of toys at No. 675 Hudson Street.

Mrs. John H. Whiteford was disinclined to-day to talk of either her daughter or Mr. Ryan's will.

"All I can say," she said to an Evening World reporter, "is that my daughter Dorothy had known Mr. Ryan for some time. She was his dear friend, in fact, his only friend. She was with him when he died. She was never employed by Mr. Ryan, but was a sort of confidential secretary to him."

From Miss Whiteford's attorney, John Robinson, whose office is in the Woolworth Building, a few additional facts in relation to her were obtained.

"Miss Whiteford is pretty and young, about twenty-two years old. I should say," Mr. Robinson said. She is an actress and for a year played here in "The Royal Vagabond." She and Mr. Ryan were friends for several years, and I believe she met him through her brother.

"The value of Mr. Ryan's estate I believe to be about \$60,000, and of this Miss Whiteford's share will be in the neighborhood of \$50,000." The will, which was executed on Nov. 2, 1919, further provides for the bequest of \$5,000 each to Mr. Ryan's son, Joseph J. Jr., and his daughter, Eleanor M. There are also small gifts to personal friends. Included in the residuary estate are two life insurance policies aggregating \$25,000, and all the property to which he is entitled in the estate of his late mother, Mrs. Ida M. Ryan.

The executor of the estate is Mortimer L. Shuford of No. 64 Wall Street.

The will was filed by Joseph A. Parnant, No. 61 Chambers Street. The accompanying petition did not state the value of the estate. On the last page of the will the residence of Mrs. Ryan and her two children was given as Rome, Italy, while immediately below their address was written to link up Valley View Farm, Ridge Road, Washington, D. C. Thomas Fortune Ryan has had a representative office for the past month anxious to know if the will had been filed.

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### WOMAN AND MAN KILLED IN CELLULOID FIRE THAT WRECKED N. J. FILM PLANT

### Two Burning Men Forced to Abandon Girl Victim on the Fire Escape of Universal Factory in Bayonne—Third Worker Expected to Die.

A girl and a man were burned to death to-day, and ten others badly scorched in an explosive fire at the Universal Film Company plant, 434 Street and Avenue E, Bayonne, N. J. Heroic rescues and attempted rescues thrilled the throngs attracted by the blaze.

Miss Ethel Suckow, 24 years old, No. 662 Avenue E, died after two men had made frantic efforts to save her.

Arthur Post, No. 516 Broadway, Bayonne, an employee of the Cello Film Refining Company, a subsidiary of the Universal, was outside the building when the fire started. His run inside and was not seen alive again. His body was found later in the ruins.

Alfred Scott, twenty-three, colored, No. 97 West 43d Street, Bayonne, was so badly burned that at the City Hospital it was said he was not expected to live.

The nine others taken to the City Hospital, all painfully but none fatally burned, were: Charles Kerner, twenty-four, No. 345 Broadway, Bayonne, Superintendent; Miss Martha Brumbaugh, twenty-five, No. 928 Summit Street, Jersey City; Nathan Vernon, bookkeeper, No. 270 Segal Street, Brooklyn; Fred Conover, No. 13 West 43d Street, Bayonne; George E. Swayer, foreman, of Vaux Hall, N. J.; Joseph Gordon, Luctus Gordon and Robert Chestnut, No. 508 Railroad Avenue, Newark, and L. R. Smith.

From a rear window on the third floor two men were seen to emerge in flames, dragging a young woman, who was also burning. They got her onto the fire escape and started to carry her down, but their own agony became too great and they left her on the iron stairs. A moment later her convulsed body slipped over the edge and she fell to the railroad tracks. She was identified as Miss Suckow, a checker. Charles Kerner said afterward he had thrust Miss Suckow onto the fire escape.

Another girl who worked on the third floor was Miss Brumbaugh, a typist for the Cello film company. Her clothing was ablaze, but, George Swayer, the foreman, whose clothing was also aflame, managed to get her safely to the ground.

Swayer said the girl and Vernon, the bookkeeper, were in the office and that the girl, in panic, closed the door and held it. He said he had to overpower her and drag her away. Her clothing and his caught fire as they passed through the door.

Fire Chief Alfred Davis said he would have Swayer arrested, saying he had warned the foreman two weeks ago when he inspected the building and found an exit locked.

When the fire had been sufficiently controlled to be approachable the firemen began tearing down the walls, preparing to search the ruins. Soon afterward they found the body of Post.

The building is the property of the Universal Film Company, but the main portion of it has been used by a subsidiary of the Universal, called the Cello Film Refining Company. This concern takes old films and salvages the silver and gelatine they contain. The great quantities of celluloid in the building accounted for the speed of the fire. It is said there in the building had only thirty seconds in which to escape.

The burning building seemed to be spraying liquid fire in all directions, but this illusion was based on the fact long strips of flaming films shot out like slender serpents. These

Five Cent Drop in Price of Eggs. The wholesale price of fresh eggs dropped four and five cents to-day after unusually large arrivals, including 25 carloads of Chinese and Japanese eggs and great quantities from California. The price yesterday was 75 to 80 cents. The Oriental shipment was the largest of its kind ever received here.

COST OF LIVING FELL OFF 10% DURING 1920

Illinois Capital Leads Fifty-One Cities With 11 Per Cent. Drop.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—THE level of retail prices declined 10 per cent. during 1920, according to a Labor Department announcement to-day. December retail prices declined 8 per cent. compared with November. Wholesale prices during the same period dropped off 8.75 per cent.

The Labor Department's price figures are based on reports from 51 cities covering 44 articles, 22 of which are food commodities. Living costs decreased during the year in all of the cities from which reports are received.

Springfield, Ill., now is the cheapest city in which to live, according to the reports. Prices there decreased an average of 11 per cent.

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